

Please amend paragraphs 6 and 8 of the specification (US Publication No. 2005/0050165429) as follows:

[0006] Body vessel occluding clamps that employ various types of clamping jaws and clamping configurations in their deployment, are well known in the medical and surgical technology.

MalekiMalecki, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,626,607, discloses a surgical clamp assembly for the occluding of hollow body vessels and methods of use thereof wherein various types of clamp configurations have actuating structures causing the jaws to open and close in generally parallel motion relative to each other so as to thereby reduce localized excessive pressures or forces acting on the body vessel being occluded and imparting generally atraumatic clamping action to the body vessel. MalekiMalecki also provides clamps that include jaws that open and close in a scissors-type motion. MalekiMalecki, however, does not disclose a clamp that includes a composite parallel and scissors-type actuation of the clamp jaws.

[0008] Although MalekiMalecki provides for parallel motion between the jaws of a surgical clamp upon opening and closing thereof, the latter contrary to the present invention, is not designed for a compound jaw motion. That is, one that combines a parallel opening and closing movement between the jaws of the clamp head in engaging a body vessel and a successive scissors-type movement enabling a larger opening to be effected between the jaws of the clamp to accommodate vessels that might not otherwise be accommodated within the opening provided by jaws having a parallel-only type motion. In effect, contrary to the current state-of-the-art, the present invention facilitates the construction of small sized clamp heads to be employed in minimally invasive surgery, such as in endoscopy, that are capable of occluding comparatively larger body vessels without the necessity of having to increase the size of the jaw head mounting the clamping jaws.